Report of association for India's Development

†2546. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recently published Survey Report of Association for India's Development in which 81 per cent nonresident Indians have conceded that no work is done without corruption in India;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have also accepted that bribe is taken for giving them passport and international permit as well as during customs clearance;

(c) if so, whether Government would take any steps to check corruption in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d). Information on any survey conducted by any NGO or international agency is not centrally maintained. However, the Government is fully committed to implement its policy of ''Zero Tolerance'' on corruption and is moving progressively to eradicate corruption from all spheres of life. Several steps have been initiated to remove corruption and to improve functioning of Government. Important among these steps are:—

(i) Enactment of Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003;

(ii) Whistle Blowers Resolution, 2004;

(iii) Enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005;

(iv) The pro-active involvement of Ministries/Departments through Annual Action Plan on vigilance; and

(v) Issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC.

Government organizations are also constantly engaged in improving their functioning through e-Governance, issue of Citizen Charters and simplification of procedures and systems, which are aimed at eradicating corruption by improving transparency and accountability.

Manpower shortage in CBI

2547. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether new cases get referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation every other day and its operations are severely hampered by acute manpower

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shortage and that Government's austerity measures, lengthy recruitment procedures and the need for multiple clearances are some of the factors responsible for the same;

(b) if so, the other main reasons put forward by the CBI on its working; and

(c) whether Government have considered them and have agreed to implement the suggestions made by the CBI to improve its functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) As against the sanctioned strength of 5959 in the CBI, the number of vacant posts is 1341. Occurrence of vacancies and their filling up on the basis of provisions of relevant Recruitment Rules is an ongoing process. With effective use and deployment of existing personnel, the vacancies have, however, not affected the performance of the CBI adversely.

(c) In order to attract officers to come on deputation to the CBI, the Government has approved grant of a Special Incentive Allowance to all the executive officers from Constable to Director level in the CBI. The Recruitment Rules of various posts are also amended from time to time to ensure that vacancies are filled up speedily.

Filing of closure report by CBI

2548. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases where in CBI has filed closure reports in courts during the last three years indicating the reasons for the same;

(b) under which circumstances the CBI files closure reports; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to review all such closure reports filed by the CBI in courts;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) In respect of the total number of 3616 cases registered by the CBI in the last three years, closure reports have been filed in 423 cases only.

The CBI files closure report in cases where inter-alia, there is insufficient evidence to prove the allegations sanction for prosecution has been refused or the accused has died.

(c) and (d) The CBI files closure report in the concerned jurisdictional courts after scrutinizing the evidence collected during investigation and on the basis of the opinion of the law officers. The decision on closure reports is taken by the Courts on merit. As such, there is no proposal to review the closure reports.